**Principal’s Message**

**Sport Storeroom**
Thanks to the following girls who have independently and voluntarily cleaned up the sports storeroom and have done an immaculate job!!

- Emma Clarke, Megan Curry, Shaetaya Allen, Indielle Everson, Makayla Stackman, Brooke Russell, Brooke O’Meally, Jess Bubb-Edwards and Marley Murphy.

Well done girls.

**Bus Behaviour**
Many of our students travel to and from school by bus. Already there have been some issues regarding student behaviour on the bus. I have attached the Code of Conduct for school students on buses in this newsletter so that parents can remind your children of their responsibility to behave appropriately on the bus.

**Crossing the Road!**
Students should only cross the road at the pedestrian crossing. Parents please do not call students across the road to you if you are parked on the opposite side of the road.

**Australia, The Story of Us...Have you registered yet?**
Associated with this series is an online competition for students in years 4, 5 and 6. There will be 10 student questions each week, either multiple choice or True/False, plus a bonus question for parents. To be involved in this challenge, students need to register, with parental consent, at the Yahoo7 website. It would be great if all our students in years 4, 5 and 6 could participate.

Parents need to register students, but students can complete the questions on the internet at school.

**Macleay Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to Joel Crockford who will represent Frederickton Public School and the Macleay at the Lower North Coast swimming carnival on Wednesday 25th February in the following events: 12yr 50m freestyle, 12-13yr 50m backstroke, 12-13yr 50m butterfly & 11-13y 200m medley.

Congratulations to Maeve Patten, Emma Kerr, Keira Morn and Lucy Bruce-Smith who also will represent Frederickton Public School and the Macleay in the junior girls relay. Well done and all the best for Wednesday.

**Voluntary Contributions**
Our school’s voluntary contribution has been set at **$44 per FAMILY**, which is merely $11 per term per family. Most schools in NSW participate in the Voluntary School Contributions scheme, the minimum contributions are recommended to be $44 per child (2014).

We want to provide the best possible education for your children and hope that all families at our school can make contributions to help us achieve this goal. The School Contribution helps cover the cost of many items which are used daily by every child. These include items such as library books, computers, mathematics materials, art equipment and to subsidise the increasing costs of bus transport to excursions.

It would be great if families could send this in during term 1, thank you to the parents who have already paid their contribution.

Mrs Brashaw
Principal

**LNC Boys Cricket**
Due to the postponement of the Boys Cricket last Friday, Max, will hopefully try-out for the LNC Boys Cricket teams tomorrow 24th February 2015. All the best Max!

**News from 1/2O**
This week in O Class we are looking at the text Alexander's Outing by Pamela Allen. During numeracy we are beginning multiplication as sharing.

Remember Library is on Wednesday so please bring your books and library bag.

**News from Kindergarten**
Hi and thanks to all those parents and carers who are reading every night with their child/ren - it is so exciting to see the pleasure the children (and parents) get when they make progress. This week we will be learning the names of 4 more alphabet letters - Ii; Ff; Dd; and Rr and the sounds they make.

I've sent home some of last week's alphabet work, which can be kept at home now. Is anyone missing a lime green zip up sweat shirt which is hanging outside the Kinder room?

This week is assembly week. If your child is receiving an award at the assembly you will get a text message.
**News from 3/4R**
Firstly, it has been very pleasing to see that most students have been reading every night and recording their comments in their Reading Diaries. Great Work! Remember one of the keys to becoming better at spelling and writing is to read!

5/6H have been participating in the following learning opportunities.

**CAPA:** Music theory—learning about notes, bars and rests and are beginning to read scores.

**Art** - Trying our hand at sketching live models, continuous line drawings and using charcoal and beginning our ‘Reflective Drawings’.

**PD/Health** - Discussing Roles and Responsibilities as well as Positive Relationships.

**Literacy group 1** - We are reading a novel by Lynne Reid Banks called The Indian in the Cupboard, which is about a boy named Omri who receives a plastic Indian and a metal cupboard (among other things) for his birthday. When he locks the toy in the cupboard overnight he discovers that the toy becomes real and Omri is then faced with many challenges to keep him secret. Homework this week is to complete worksheet on Homophones.

**Numeracy Group 2** - This week we are focusing on Multiplication and Division both long and short as well as working on the area of different 2D and 3D shapes.

4/5A have been participating in the following learning opportunities.

**CAPA:** Drawing and sketching using various techniques, concentrating on perspectives.

**PD/Health** - Discussing Positive Relationships in particular maintaining friendships.

**Literacy group 2** - We have been concentrating on word families, high frequency words and sentence constructions.

**Numeracy Group 1** - We will continue with our daily maths, focusing on all areas including Multiplication and Division and using the proper formula to work out the area of different 2D and 3D shapes.

Don’t Forget to bring your Library Bags!

4/5A Library and History lessons are on Fridays starting at 10:50am

5/6H Library and History lessons are on Thursdays starting at 10:00am

A reminder for all students from both classes to bring their...

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**Frozen Berry Alert**

Recently there has been a health scare within which frozen berries from China have been linked to Hepatitis A. Berry Brands included are Creative Gourmet and Nanna’s. The canteen wishes to inform parents that Nanna’s frozen berries have been used in the school canteen this year. The risk of contamination is small but any parents that are concerned are advised to see a doctor. The canteen has now sourced Australian berries from an Australian supplier.

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**News from 4/5A and 5/6H**

Today the Australian speech task sheet was sent home. I have outlined this with the class and they can begin their research, in preparation for their speech. Their talk is due on Monday 30th March (week 10). I have included it as one of the activities on the homework grid. Keep it simple. Please let me know if you are having any problems or are unsure of the expectation.

Please encourage your child to read each night and write their sentence into their reading journal. I tell them - GOOD READERS BECOME GOOD LEADERS and READ AND YOU WILL SUCCEED.

Library day is Wednesday, but they can visit and return books to the library at lunchtimes, they do not have to wait until Library day.

This Friday we have an assembly and the first Star Badge recipients are awarded.

We have nearly reached our class target of 20 tokens, so this week we will be having our chip/popcorn party to celebrate. The children do not need to bring any chips or popcorn.

We wish Rhys Clarke a speedy recovery after his operation. Hurry back soon.

Any parents or grandparents that have an hour or so free on a Monday, Thursday or Friday morning, we would greatly appreciate your time to come and listen to our students read and change home readers. Please let me know.

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**Class 2/3W**

This Friday 2/3W will be singing at the school assembly – G’Day G’Day by Slim Dusty. Students are asked to wear something Australian e.g. green & gold, flag colours, aboriginal colours, cork hat, akubra hat, country or western clothing. Students can come dressed up but must bring their school clothes to get changed into after assembly.

Go to [http://alldownunder.com/australia/unique.html](http://alldownunder.com/australia/unique.html) for some great ideas & information about Australian uniqueness.

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**House Ticket Tally**

Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s PBL draw – Sophie B, Evie C, Courtney M, Emily B & Will J. The winning class was 3/4R, the winning house was Hunt.
Kindergarten PLAN Reports

PLAN, formerly known as Best Start, is an initiative by the NSW Department of Education and Communities within which all NSW school students are tested in their prior to school knowledge and skills in both Literacy and Numeracy. This information is used to develop quality teaching and learning programs which are individualised to meet student needs.

Individualised PLAN reports will be sent home today with all Kindergarten students based on the assessments undertaken at the end of last year or beginning of this year. The reports are designed to provide parents with ideas and activities to practise and develop their child’s skills. If you would like further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact Ms Ransom or Ms Dickenson via the front office.

Language Learning and Literacy (L3) in Kindergarten

Ms Dickenson and myself are now in our second year of training in Language, Learning and Literacy (L3). L3 is a research-based program targeting text reading and writing. Using the PLAN assessments conducted at the beginning of the year Kindergarten students are grouped in threes or fours and receive short sharp and focussed teaching in reading and writing strategies.

This year we have 3 teachers in the room for the literacy sessions ensuring each student receives daily individual instruction at their current developmental level. When students are not working intensively with a teacher they rotate to independent individual or group tasks. Some of these tasks include sand play and threading for motor development, independent reading, education puzzles to develop problem solving skills and familiarisation with the alphabet, various sight word activities, independent writing centres, and Reading Eggs on the computer. The program is rich and rewarding for students and teachers alike and the goal is to ensure that every student exits Kindergarten as a successful and capable learner.

Kindergarten students engaged in independent work during an L3 Literacy session.

P & C News

Our next P & C Meeting will be the annual AGM – all position will be declared vacant at this meeting. Please consider holding one of the executive positions.

Code of conduct for school students on buses

It is every student’s responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

Behaving appropriately
• Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers, such as no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus, eating or drinking - except water - unless the bus operator gives written permission
• Give up seats to all adults and disabled passengers
• Adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses
• Obey reasonable directions from the driver, such as where to sit or to remain in the bus
• Keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus
• Refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency.

Respecting property
• Protect bus property
• Ensure that buses are not vandalised
• Report any vandalism, such as graffiti and window etching.

Holding passes
• Show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested
• Use the travel pass only for its intended purpose
• Swipe or dip passes in ticket readers if available when boarding
• Keep your pass for your own use - you should not lend your pass to other students or borrow one from them.

Disobeying these rules may lead to the withdrawal of school bus travel passes and/or prosecution.

MORNING DROP OFF AND AFTERNOON PICK UP

Parents please do not drive up the drive way to drop your child off or pick them up in the afternoon (the exception is if your child is late in the morning or getting picked up earlier in the afternoon). There is not enough room at the top of the hill for loads of traffic. Plus it is a safety issue.

Drop your child off at the gate and let them walk up the snake path, they are under shelter and will probably stay drier walking up than getting out of the car and walking/running to the shelter.

Rock Star Award” in the canteen. Students who order something new and fresh off the blackboard will be in the running to receive a canteen voucher to be used the following week off the blackboard menu. Last week’s winner was William Johnson.

William please see Tracey in the Canteen.
Frederickton Public School Facebook Page

We are pleased to advise that our school now has a Facebook page. The page can be accessed by searching within facebook for Frederickton Public School and liking the page. Once you have clicked like you will receive notifications in your newsfeed. The page will bring information about school events and highlight the achievements and successes of our school.

Before using the site please read the terms and conditions of use. The terms and conditions are listed under the heading 'Long Description' which is within the 'About' section at the top of the Facebook page. Importantly, please use respectful language and only post photos of your own child. Please refrain from using names of students, staff and parents without their consent. The site is public. All posts and comments will be freely available to anyone that visits the page.

Frederickton Public School values the responsible use of social media and reserves the right to remove any content that is in breach of our policies, guidelines and the values of our school.

Frederickton Public School will remove content if it contains: Offensive abusive, obscene, profane, hateful or racist content, links or images. Comments that threaten or defame any person or organisation. The direct, full name or descriptive reference to an individual, irrespective of the post’s tone. Solicitations and advertisements by other organisations or endorsements of other organisations.. Multiple or repetitive posts by a single user. Anything else that the school deems inappropriate and does not align with our values, standards, policies and guidelines.

Please also note that the Facebook terms and conditions state that no one under the age of 13 years should have a Facebook profile. Therefore, for the safety of our students, any child who 'Likes' or comments on the Frederickton Public School site will be deleted and reported. For further information regarding the use of our official Facebook Page please contact the school directly (02) 6566 8217

A Canteen Message

Some students are not handing their lunch orders in until recess. All orders need to be to the canteen no later than 9.30am – if Tracey is not there the students need to place the order in the mail box provided.

NO LATE ORDERS PLEASE

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Sushi $3.50 per roll

BOOTCAMP: A combination of cardio & strength training with variety each session. Be motivated in a group to get yourself in great shape. All fitness levels catered for.

Bootcamp is held on Monday and Thursday mornings – 6.00am – 7.00am $10 per person. The sessions are being held in the Frederickton School hall.

Come & see what’s NEW at Curves

NEW & improved circuit equipment
NEW Body Basics classes
NEW protein bars
UPGRADED CurvesSmart personal coaching system
PLUS MORE!!!
Join during February and mention this ad and we will waive the regular joining fee
Phone: 65622884
It was great to see so many nippers braving the weather to compete in the Nestle Trial Bay Triathlon. So what is coming up for the kids?

1. Sunday March the 1st Normal Nippers.
2. Sunday March the 8th Normal Nippers.
3. Sunday March the 15th LAST DAY OF NIPPERS, we will be having a special CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DAY, a mini carnival. Everyone will compete and watch each other, cheer each other on and ribbons will be awarded to our place getters. Please bring a plate of food to share and join in the fun.

Our Nippers Presentation will be on FRIDAY the 20th of March, starting at 430pm sharp. If you would like to eat PLEASE make a booking, there will be no "walk in's". Please call 65 666 590 to reserve your spot.

The highlight of the kids afternoon will once again be the slide show....get ready for some great memories.